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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers and heifers sold lower for the first time in six weeks. Steers were mainly 25-75¢ lower, the only exception to lower prices was Prime steers in Chicago selling steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter heifers were steady to 50¢ lower, extremes \$1.00 lower on Standard and Good. Cows were 25-50¢ lower and feeders mostly steady to 50¢ lower. Barrows and gilts sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Sows were steady to 50¢ higher, but steady to 50¢ lower at Chicago and 25¢ lower at St. Louis. Slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers and heifers sold lower at midwest markets following a steady to higher trend for the past five weeks. Lower dressed beef prices more than offset any bullish influence that may have developed from a small decrease in the salable supply. The current slaughter holidays also restricted demand. Slaughter steers were 25-75¢ lower at most markets with kinds grading low-Choice and below under most downward pressure. The only exception of consequence was a steady to 25¢ higher market for Prime steers in Chicago. Accordingly the spread in steer prices became the widest since last April. Last summer the spread in steer prices was the narrowest in 15 years. Heifers were mainly steady to 50¢ lower, extremes \$1.00 lower. Cow prices sagged mostly 25-50¢. Bulls sold steady to \$1.00 higher and reached the highest level since last April. Vealers sold steady to \$2.00 lower at the two major vealer markets. One of the features of the pre-Christmas week trade was the fact that the supply of slaughter steers Monday in Sioux City was the largest for any day of record at that market.

Slaughter steers: At major markets outside Chicago, Choice steers bulked at \$24.50-26.00, high-Choice and Prime reaching \$27.00 with a load Prime 1,097# weights \$27.10 in St. Joseph. Chicago, six loads Prime 1150-1400# steers \$28.00, highest of the month and bulk high-Choice and Prime \$26.50-27.50 with quite a few loads to \$27.75 including Prime 1488#. Good steers \$22.00-24.75.

Slaughter heifers: Loadlots mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold up to \$26.00, Choice largely \$23.75-25.00 although numerous loads \$25.25-25.75 in Chicago. Most Good heifers \$21.50-24.00.

Slaughter cows: Most Utility and Commercial cows \$13.50-16.50, Canner and Cutter mostly \$11.50-14.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Seasonally moderated supplies of feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets found slow outlet at prices unevenly steady to 50¢ lower. At Sioux City a decline of 50¢ to \$1.00 was registered. Severe

winter weather over much of the midwest with accompanying bad road conditions, and additional difficulties in handling livestock once they reached farm or feedlot, did much to curtail demand. Preparations for the upcoming year-end holidays also kept some buyers away from market centers. Added to these temporary restraints on demand was the bearish factor of a material downturn in slaughter cattle prices. Although most all grades and weights were noticeably slower, feeder buyers provided a rather reliable outlet for moderate numbers of fleshy two-way steers weighing over 900#.

Feeder steers: Choice and Fancy 828# brought \$25.00; Good and Choice 800-1050# \$21.50-24.50, majority \$22.00-24.00. Loadlots Choice, partly fattened, 1000-1050# were noted from \$23.00-23.35 but at Chicago four loads Choice 1048# reached \$24.25. Choice 658# brought \$26.25 and several loads Choice 550-575# short yearlings \$28.00-29.50. Bulk Good and Choice 550-750# cashed from \$23.00-26.00; Medium and Good \$19.00-23.50.

Feeder heifers: The few Good and Choice yearling heifers marketed sold chiefly from \$21.00-24.25.

Feeder calves: Loadlots, Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy steers brought \$28.00-33.00, load 480# included at \$32.00. Good and mixed Good and Choice steers ranged \$24.00-29.00. Good and Choice heifers bulked \$22.50-28.00; load Choice 365# \$29.00.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Generally good shipper outlet set the buying pace that influenced a 50¢-\$1.00 price advance on barrows and gilts. Demand centered on butchers weighing 190-250# and these weights showed the largest price advance. This was the third consecutive week of higher barrow and gilt prices. Sow prices were steady to 50¢ higher, excluding St. Louis and Chicago which were steady to 50¢ lower. Sows at the eight markets combined were estimated at 10 percent of the receipts. The average weight of barrows and gilts was 229# or about the same as the previous week. Receipts at the twelve markets were 5 percent smaller than the preceding week and almost 10 percent more than the pre-Christmas week a year ago.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-3, 180-250# closed at \$17.00-18.00 and to \$18.25 in Chicago. No. 1-2, 180-240# ranged from \$17.50-18.25. A limited volume of No. 1-2, 190-225# offerings sold up to \$18.50 at Chicago and Indianapolis.

Scws: No. 1-3, 250-400# \$14.00-15.25, and to \$16.00 at the close in Indianapolis. Bulk No. 2-3, 400-600# \$12.75-14.25.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was \$1.00 per cwt. based on wholesale

carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago December 18 to December 22, 1961 inclusive.

Feeder pigs: At Sioux City Good and Choice feeders were 25-75¢ off at \$15.00-16.25; at South St. Paul strong to 25¢ higher at \$15.50-16.25.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts at 338,000 head were 2 percent smaller than in the preceding week and 3 percent larger than last year. Barrows and gilts 200-240# made up the bulk of supplies while sows comprised around 8 percent of receipts. Prices for butchers advanced 35-60¢, mostly 45-55¢, and sows were mainly 25¢ up.

On Friday most U. S. No. 1-3, 200-240# barrows and gilts brought \$16.50-17.10 with moderate showing No. 1-2 \$17.00-17.50. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows \$13.75-15.25; 400-550# \$12.15-14.15.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts of 98,600 head were 12 percent under the previous week but 8 percent above a year ago. Trading was active with demand generally good. Barrows and gilts under 240# were fully 50¢ higher and heavier weights 25-50¢ higher. Sows were steady to 25¢ higher.

Barrows and gilts: Closing prices No. 1-3 180-220# mostly \$17.00-17.50, limited volume \$17.65.

Sows: No. 1-3, 250-400# \$13.00-15.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals numbered 81,000 head, a slight increase over last week and 17 percent more than a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs comprised around 70-80 percent of the moderately large pre-holiday slaughter lamb supply; feeders accounted for 8-20 percent of receipts at most points but reached 30 percent at Denver. Price downturns posted on dressed lamb in recent weeks proved a major factor in declining live prices. Some price recovery on late sessions offset part of earlier losses and most slaughter lambs finished the week steady to 50¢ lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to 25¢ higher. Feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ lower with the most downturn at St. Paul, St. Joseph and Omaha.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 80-110# woolled \$16.00-17.00, few consignments reached \$17.50; Choice and Prime 110-125# \$15.00-16.25. Good and Choice 78-110# \$15.00-16.50. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 78-106# shorn, most with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, \$15.00-16.00, 4 loads Choice and Prime 95-106# with No. 1 pelt reached \$16.50-16.75 at Chicago. Good and Choice 75-105# \$14.00-15.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice woolled \$3.00-7.75 but few Cull along with few Good and Choice over 150# \$2.50-3.50.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 60-86# \$14.50-16.00, 77# lambs to \$16.25 at St. Paul early. Good and Choice 40-78# largely \$11.00-15.00 but \$9.50-11.50 at St. Joseph.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior-

Iowa-Southern Minnesota area numbered 21,000 head, little changed from the previous week but 18 percent less than last year. Sharply lower carcass lamb prices influenced price downturns on slaughter lambs on most trading sessions but a need for numbers coupled with heavy snowfall prompted higher prices late and offset earlier losses. Slaughter lambs closed steady to weak; slaughter ewes steady.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-105# woolled, some shipments to 110#, \$15.50-16.50, most late sales \$16.00-16.50 and small showing high-yielding reached \$17.00; Good and low-Choice 85-105# \$14.50-16.00. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-105# shorn with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$14.75-15.50 with few consignments high-yielding and carrying fall shorn pelts \$15.75-16.00; Good and low-Choice \$14.00-15.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice woolled \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, fully steady, some 50¢ higher in southern California. Feeder cattle limited but about steady. Slaughter lambs steady to weak in California and steady to 25¢ higher in Utah.

Slaughter steers: California and Arizona, 8 loads Choice 1100-1150# \$26.25-26.30; 150 loads mostly Choice 900-1150# \$25.00-26.00, many into January delivery; 90 loads Good and Choice 975-1200# \$24.50-25.50; 85 loads mostly Good 750-1100# \$23.75-24.85, 9 loads Standard and Good 900-1075# \$22.50-23.75; 6 loads Standard 975-1150# \$21.50-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Two loads Choice 925# \$25.50; 40 loads mostly Choice, 775-975# \$24.25-25.00; 16 loads Good and Choice, 750-875# \$24.00-24.25.

Slaughter calves: California, 6 loads Good, end of Choice 450-510# \$24.50; Arizona, load Good 550# \$25.00; 16 loads Good 450-500# \$24.25-24.50.

Feeders: California, 200 Choice, end of Fancy 475# steers \$28.00; 90 Choice 460# heifers \$25.50; 250 Choice, end of Good 600# steers \$24.50; 80 mostly Choice 770# steers \$23.50; 200 mostly Choice, 575# heifers \$23.00. Arizona, 200 Choice 800# steers \$24.50; 220 Choice 500# steers \$24.50; 2,500 Good yearlings and 2-year-olds \$21.50.

Slaughter lambs: California, 4 loads Choice and Prime 100-105# full woolled \$17.00-17.25; 3 loads Choice 100-104# shorn with No. 1 pelt \$16.50; load mostly Choice 100# \$16.00; Utah, 12,000 Choice and Prime 100-109# \$16.50-17.00.

Feeder lambs: California, 325 Good and Choice 76# white-faced woolled \$14.50; 275 ewes 4 and 5 years old woolled and to lamb in February \$15.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Direct sales at country feedlots uneven. Average to high-Choice slaughter steers strong, lower grades 25-50¢ lower. Heifers steady to 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, 16 loads average to high-Choice including few Prime 1100# \$26.40; 115 loads Choice 1050-1325# \$25.00-26.00; 4 loads Good and Choice 1000-1075# \$25.00.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 90 loads average to high-Choice 825-1070# \$25.50-25.75; 3 loads 1025# on delivered basis \$26.00; 17 loads Choice 825-975# \$25.00-25.25; 7 loads Good and Choice 910-975# \$24.50-24.75.

Feeders: Limited volume steady. Colorado, 100 Good and Choice 815# steers \$23.65; 100 Good and Choice heifers 625# \$24.00. Nebraska, 300 mostly Choice 700-850# steers \$23.75-24.65. Western Kansas, 910 Choice 700-750# steers \$24.40.

Sheep and lambs: All classes steady with supplies reduced. Colorado, 1,500 Choice and Prime 100-109# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.00-17.50; 450 mixed Choice and Prime shorn slaughter lambs, No. 2 pelts, \$16.00; 375 mixed Utility and Good 120# slaughter ewes \$6.50, small end Cull out at \$4.50. Wyoming, 2,100 Choice 85-95# feeder lambs \$15.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter steers strong, heifers strong to 25¢ higher. Limited sales on feeders steady.

Slaughter steers: About 100 Choice and Prime 1511# \$24.10; load Choice and Prime 1700# \$24.00; 194 mostly Choice 1050-1100# \$25.00; 850 Good and Choice 900-1100# delivery through January \$24.00-24.75.

Slaughter heifers: Sixty Choice 900-925# \$24.50-25.00; 540 Good and Choice 850-900# through January delivery \$24.00-24.25; 947 Good, few Choice, 720-825# \$23.50-24.50; 1,420 Good 600-700# \$24.00-24.50.

Feeders: Around 500 Good to mostly Choice 750# short fed steers \$22.50; 2,500 Choice to mostly Fancy 400-425# calves, steers \$30.00, heifers \$28.00.

Lambs: Prices steady on limited supply; 3,500 Choice, few Prime, 95-102# No. 2 to fall shorn slaughter lambs \$15.00; 600 Choice 80# fall shorn feeders \$12.50.

Amarillo Area: Slaughter cattle fully steady to strong, stockers and feeders moderately active and steady.

Slaughter steers: About 375 Good and Choice 1100-1200# \$24.75-25.00; 200 Good and Choice 1050-1150# delivered \$25.25.

Slaughter heifers: Around 180 Good and Choice 700-925# \$23.50-24.00.

Feeder cattle: January-February delivery; 275 Choice 825-1000# steers \$23.00-24.00; 2,500 Good and Choice 650-850# \$23.00-24.50; March-April delivery, 1,600 mostly Good 575-625# steers \$23.00-23.25; January-March delivery, 250 Choice 625-750# heifers \$23.00-23.50; 640 Good and Choice 575-625# \$23.00; 230 Medium and Good cows, 30 calves, \$165.00 per cow.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Small volume slaughter steers and heifers steady during pre-holiday week. Very small number feeder cattle. Moderate volume slaughter lambs, steady, bulk of lambs moving to California interests.

Slaughter steers: Washington, high-Good to mostly Choice 1000-1100# \$25.50-26.00, Standard with few Good 1100-1220# \$21.00-22.00. Oregon, mostly Choice 1000-1100# \$25.50-25.75. Idaho, mostly Choice 1050-1300# \$24.50-25.00, load mixed Good and Choice 1050# \$24.00, Standard Holsteins \$21.50.

Slaughter heifers: Washington, load Choice 900# \$24.00, load Standard 1020# \$21.00. Oregon, mostly Choice 850-900# \$24.00, high-Good and Choice 915-1020# \$23.00-23.50. Idaho, Choice 925# \$24.50, immediate to January 30th delivery; Good to mostly Choice 800-950# \$23.25-24.00.

Feeders: Washington, 200 head mostly Choice 1000# steers \$25.00 delivered to another feedlot within the State.

Slaughter lambs: Washington, Choice with No. 2 pelts 100# \$15.00. Oregon, Choice and Prime 98-115# with No. 3 pelts to full woolled \$16.25-17.25, those \$16.75 and above largely delivered to California. Idaho, Choice and Prime 102-113# woolled \$16.75-17.00.

Slaughter ewes: Oregon, 150 Cull to Good woolled \$3.00-5.00, delivered.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - There were hardly enough direct sales of any class of livestock to accurately test any trends, but limited sales all classes generally steady.

Slaughter bulls: Couple loads Cutter and Utility 1400-1600# \$19.00-19.50.

Feeders: Southern Montana, about 50 average to high-Choice steers to be delivered around March 1, \$25.00. Southern Montana, and northern Wyoming, around 100 Medium and low-Good 4-8-year-old stock cows \$185.00-190.00 per head.

Feeder calves: Scattered small sales in western Montana, and northern Wyoming, totaling around 600 high-Good to average Choice 375-425# steers \$27.00-29.00, heifers \$25.00-27.00.

Slaughter lambs: Southern Montana, and northern Wyoming, couple sales totaling 750 Choice around 100-110# \$17.00.

Slaughter ewes: Eastern Montana, and northern Wyoming, few lots totaling 925 Utility and Good 110-140# \$4.00-5.50.

Feeder lambs: Northern Wyoming, around 500 Good and Choice 65-75# \$14.00-14.50.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	37,369	38,067	116	186	36,253	35,418	8,447	6,211
Cincinnati	2,799	2,573	369	433	9,899	8,619	585	859
Denver	6,947	6,521	688	501	5,948	3,920	10,844	7,777
Fort Worth	4,648	6,746	826	1,450	1,485	1,860	9,137	3,550
Indianapolis ..	6,506	4,919	283	322	26,023	26,131	2,175	2,007
Kansas City ...	19,275	17,593	892	936	15,935	15,333	3,969	4,046
Oklahoma City .	8,387	7,156	1,552	1,605	3,765	3,106	1,590	1,456
Omaha	38,070	38,887	769	508	53,944	42,087	11,092	10,233
St. Joseph	13,817	16,294	390	502	24,585	26,399	6,441	5,942
St. Louis NSY .	13,159	12,021	1,573	1,769	48,657	50,755	4,002	5,994
Sioux City	30,716	28,899	2,615	2,037	44,813	37,616	6,293	10,465
S. St. Paul ...	19,292	17,457	8,752	8,101	52,637	44,153	16,072	10,377
Total	200,985	197,133	18,825	18,350	323,944	295,397	80,647	68,917
Dec. 16, '61	214,179		18,683		339,947		79,189	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -			Dec. 23, 1961	Dec. 16, 1961	Dec. 24, 1960
Hogs			338,000	345,000	327,000*
Revised. Sheep			21,000	21,300	25,600

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Five months	
	Dec. 21	Dec. 14	Dec. 22	Nov. 1961	Nov. 1960	July-Nov. 1961	July-Nov. 1960
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 100# up	1,213	669	804	2,147	2,692	8,661	10,779
901-1000	2,407	1,523	1,789	8,044	7,814	39,218	38,123
801-900	3,587	3,068	3,655	18,085	19,322	89,087	87,574
701-800	3,608	2,843	4,582	24,899	28,774	139,428	150,190
501-700	6,714	5,863	9,427	44,482	55,150	263,626	315,773
Total steers 10 markets....	17,529	13,966	20,257	97,657	113,752	540,020	602,439
Av. wt. " " "	764#	744#	725#	720#	715#	712#	705#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.15	\$23.51	\$23.62	\$23.39	\$22.97	\$22.98	\$21.90
" " " Chicago	23.36	22.50	23.71	23.39	22.49	22.88	22.76
" " " Kansas City...	22.92	23.24	23.16	23.03	22.54	22.80	21.52
" " " Omaha	22.97	24.12	23.59	24.51	24.07	24.13	23.24
" " " S. St. Paul...	22.05	21.03	21.79	20.69	21.13	20.91	21.17
" " " Sioux City....	24.64	25.36	24.99	24.49	24.11	23.86	23.34
" " " Denver	23.36	24.08	24.41	24.24	23.76	23.74	22.82
" " " Ft. Worth	22.78	22.41	22.56	21.99	20.44	21.98	19.91
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.99	23.89	22.29	23.03	21.43	22.00	19.93
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.20	22.50	22.55	22.65	21.60	22.46	20.76
" " " St. Louis NSY.	22.21	22.71	23.01	22.15	21.24	21.84	20.72
Total calves - 10 markets..	12,791	15,692	17,292	141,269	125,143	433,783	469,703
" heifers " "	2,602	1,888	3,267	16,489	18,509	98,774	106,347
" cows " "	1,621	1,297	1,640	12,741	12,256	31,369	27,250

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okl- la. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Dec. 22, 1961	2	45	12	11	14	28	10	10	25	65	70	41	40
Dec. 15, 1961	2	37	11	8	8	21	10	8	20	55	56	41	45
Dec. 23, 1960	2	44	12	7	11	45	5	10	24	60	65	51	60
Slaughter cows													
Dec. 22, 1961	4	11	9	7	12	5	20	13	25	15	11	18	25
Dec. 15, 1961	4	7	6	6	12	6	20	14	25	16	11	11	25
Dec. 23, 1960	5	9	10	8	15	7	20	15	40	25	17	24	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 22 1960	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 22 1960	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 22 1960	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 22 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,045	4,498	11.7	16.3	1,249	1,228	27.31	28.29
Choice.....	15,534	17,909	59.9	64.7	1,156	1,171	26.05	26.91
Good.....	6,360	4,294	24.5	15.5	1,088	1,128	24.48	25.01
Standard.....	685	594	2.7	2.1	1,001	1,012	22.55	22.85
Commercial.....	--	28	--	.1	--	1,245	--	22.47
Utility.....	311	352	1.2	1.3	1,016	1,059	20.47	20.47
All grades.....	25,935	27,675			1,144	1,169	25.70	26.70
OMAHA								
Prime.....	235	269	1.4	1.4	1,182	1,178	26.26	27.09
Choice.....	7,629	9,124	46.0	48.9	1,149	1,176	25.15	25.74
Good.....	7,715	8,466	46.5	45.4	1,094	1,130	23.78	24.13
Standard.....	671	706	4.0	3.8	1,083	1,079	21.52	20.64
Utility.....	341	95	2.1	.5	1,079	1,024	19.93	19.07
All grades.....	16,591	18,660			1,120	1,151	24.30	24.83
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	613	297	4.3	2.4	1,232	1,235	26.17	27.30
Choice.....	8,849	7,460	61.4	60.6	1,149	1,163	25.06	26.10
Good.....	4,200	4,304	29.1	34.9	1,097	1,121	23.92	24.75
Standard.....	617	205	4.3	1.7	1,065	1,100	21.83	21.14
Utility.....	126	51	.9	.4	993	1,102	19.87	19.62
All grades.....	14,405	12,317			1,132	1,149	24.62	25.57
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	107	3	1.9	--	1,114	1,033	26.70	27.10
Choice.....	1,106	964	19.4	15.4	1,114	1,130	25.56	26.10
Good.....	3,707	4,522	65.1	72.2	1,075	1,127	23.67	24.48
Standard.....	575	748	10.1	12.0	1,071	1,061	21.49	21.15
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	202	28	3.5	.4	1,090	995	19.32	18.67
All grades.....	5,697	6,265			1,084	1,119	23.73	24.33
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	2	62	--	1.3	1,210	1,227	27.50	27.50
Choice.....	897	1,204	17.6	25.4	1,077	1,055	25.86	25.92
Good.....	2,467	2,580	48.4	54.5	1,013	1,059	24.20	24.33
Standard.....	1,503	786	29.5	16.6	970	968	22.48	22.04
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	226	102	4.5	2.2	962	899	19.61	18.31
All grades.....	5,095	4,734			1,009	1,042	23.83	24.32
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	25	43	.4	.5	1,098	1,193	27.10	27.37
Choice.....	2,313	3,341	35.2	41.0	1,134	1,136	24.95	25.99
Good.....	3,838	4,321	58.5	53.0	1,070	1,099	23.53	23.94
Standard.....	387	451	5.9	5.5	1,130	1,122	21.06	20.82
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	6,563	8,156			1,096	1,116	23.91	24.64
DENVER								
Prime.....	17	--	1.2	--	1,111	--	26.40	--
Choice.....	779	714	53.2	62.9	1,144	1,204	25.81	25.94
Good.....	629	362	43.0	31.9	1,137	1,126	24.96	24.59
Standard.....	38	59	2.6	5.2	978	1,138	21.68	19.97
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	1,463	1,135			1,136	1,176	25.36	25.23

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	12,685	13,858	9,020	10,235	54,232	52,822	32,928	37,866
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,966	8,826	1,545	1,742	30,719	28,900	3,939	3,606
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	17,484	16,110	1,269	3,099	110,843	124,993	4,820	13,011
Chicago Area	14,397	16,820	9,314	7,502	42,784	40,672	7,152	5,204
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	28,226	27,210	27,346	22,967	118,469	113,282	18,024	16,965
St. Louis Area	10,535	9,953	1,886	1,511	76,494	69,971	4,390	5,321
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	31,093	23,138	--	--	115,157	106,007	11,882	12,461
Omaha Area	39,744	38,259	165	148	88,157	79,157	15,017	14,914
Kansas City	13,396	14,816	--	--	37,486	37,154	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	35,636	32,913	11,963	9,215	321,091	303,671	39,482	40,044
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	6,350	4,987	2,750	2,424	49,602	47,204	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	8,700	7,685	2,992	3,913	29,238	29,132	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	18,834	18,452	1,180	939	51,979	49,165	8,314	7,597
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	8,439	9,639	2,843	2,940	18,395	18,073	18,308	12,678
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	22,073	18,445	160	205	15,131	14,132	24,004	17,908
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	22,366	21,241	1,779	1,492	36,554	28,435	20,175	21,883
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	7,066	6,155	302	169	17,802	13,358	2,841	2,478
Total	305,990		74,514	1,214,133			211,276	
		288,507		68,501		1,156,128		211,936
Accumulation to date	16,082,206		3,251,475	55,886,556			13,691,003	
		15,671,064		3,603,829		56,406,864		12,527,067

*Revision: Sioux City-So. Dakota Area - Dec. 19, 1961 Cattle 34,962.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	meat	lard
	ber	mil. lb.	ber	mil. lb.	ber	mil. lb.	ber	mil. lb.	prod.	prod.
Dec. 23, 1961	370	217.2	105	11.0	1,390	197.7	230	11.0	436.9	--
Dec. 16, 1961	400	237.2	93	9.8	1,375	193.0	265	12.7	452.7	--
Dec. 2, 1961 1/.....	404	--	118	--	1,584	--	317	--	--	50.8
Dec. 24, 1960 1/.....	336	177.2	77	8.3	1,152	161.0	247	12.0	358.5	43.1

Percentage change from:

Dec. 16, 1961	-8	-8	13	12	1	2	-13	-13	-4	--
Dec. 24, 1960	10	23	36	33	21	23	-7	-8	22	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Dec. 23, 1961	1030	587	190	105	243	142	101	48	--
Dec. 16, 1961	1040	593	190	105	240	140	101	48	--
Dec. 2, 1961	1035	590	190	106	243	138	98	47	--
Dec. 24, 1960	1049	578	190	105	242	141	101	48	14.0

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	23	24	23	24	23	24	23	24	23	24
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	26.88	28.20	--	--	26.50	27.48	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.40	28.32	--	--	26.52	27.38	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.00	27.10	25.68	26.35	25.38	26.32	25.78	26.12	25.88	25.75
1100-1300	26.00	26.72	25.38	26.10	25.28	26.10	25.78	26.12	25.62	--
Good 900-1100	24.08	24.80	23.75	24.05	23.65	24.00	24.02	23.25	24.50	24.50
Standard - All wts.	22.05	22.40	21.00	20.58	21.75	21.25	21.62	20.00	21.75	21.75
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	24.90	25.88	24.75	25.12	24.82	25.52	25.28	25.56	23.75	23.62
Good 600-800	--	--	23.25	22.98	22.88	23.48	--	23.12	22.50	22.50
Standard - All wts.	21.42	21.62	20.58	19.72	20.75	21.12	20.25	19.50	19.75	19.75
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	15.65	15.48	16.62	15.85	16.35	15.50	--	--	--	16.00
Utility	14.88	14.85	15.55	14.82	15.25	14.25	16.50	16.00	15.25	15.00
Cutter	14.00	13.75	14.55	13.72	13.85	13.00	15.12	13.95	14.00	12.75
Canner	12.52	12.00	12.78	12.42	12.75	11.75	14.00	12.55	12.25	10.25
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.08	18.10	18.50	16.70	18.65	17.25	--	--	--	--
Utility	20.32	18.60	18.88	16.90	18.52	17.50	18.75	18.75	20.25	19.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.00	21.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	21.50	20.75	--	--	--	--	--	22.75
Standard	--	--	19.50	18.75	--	--	--	--	--	19.75
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	--	24.50	25.50	23.25	25.50	23.00	--	--	31.00	28.00
Good	--	22.50	23.00	20.75	23.00	20.75	--	--	28.00	26.00
Standard	--	18.50	20.50	18.75	20.25	17.50	--	--	23.50	22.50
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.30	26.62	25.50	25.50	26.25	26.62	26.50	25.88	--	23.25
Good 500-800	24.30	24.50	23.82	23.75	24.25	24.50	23.00	24.00	22.50	19.00
Medium 500-1000	22.00	21.50	21.00	20.25	22.00	21.20	20.25	21.25	19.50	18.50
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.50	23.00	24.00	23.75	24.50	23.38	--	20.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.62	19.75	20.75	20.75	20.50	21.50	--	17.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.00	15.25	16.00	15.00	17.75	16.00	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.30	26.50	28.00	28.50	30.00	29.00	25.50	24.50
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.80	23.25	26.00	25.00	28.50	26.25	22.50	22.00

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

		St.	Louis	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux	S. St.	S. St.	Indian	Eight
Week ended		Chicago	Nat'l.	City	City	City	Joseph	Paul	apolis	mkt.
		Yards								com-
										bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 23, 1961	17.31	17.20	16.98	16.92	16.86	17.06	16.67	17.52	17.03
	Dec. 16, 1961	16.90	17.00	16.70	16.67	16.66	16.79	16.25	17.06	16.73
	Dec. 24, 1960	17.63	17.67	17.26	17.17	17.06	17.36	17.12	17.86	17.38
Sows	Dec. 23, 1961	13.62	13.75	13.75	13.68	13.52	13.93	13.47	13.96	13.68
	Dec. 16, 1961	13.56	13.67	13.70	13.75	13.59	13.94	13.32	13.60	13.62
	Dec. 24, 1960	12.91	13.34	12.91	13.10	12.73	13.06	12.88	13.07	13.02
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 23, 1961	231	219	228	235	237	227	230	225	229
	Dec. 16, 1961	231	222	229	235	234	225	228	227	229
	Dec. 24, 1960	229	221	229	240	241	230	230	227	231
Sows	Dec. 23, 1961	446	427	435	439	440	406	418	448	433
	Dec. 16, 1961	439	424	436	444	434	416	421	469	436
	Dec. 24, 1960	444	394	437	439	439	418	421	458	430
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 23, 1961	28055	42580	13941	44489	38285	20766	38983	20937	248036
	Dec. 16, 1961	30080	44298	17368	43701	39210	28164	41127	26158	270106
	Dec. 24, 1960	25441	46802	13852	33747	32390	23364	33916	21827	231339
Sows	Dec. 23, 1961	3383	4091	1375	6043	4191	2110	4231	3271	28695
	Dec. 16, 1961	3123	3596	1165	5124	4394	2044	4008	3171	26625
	Dec. 24, 1960	2987	4251	1211	5366	3505	2171	3467	2585	25543
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
Dec. 23, 1961		11	9	9	12	10	9	10	14	10
Dec. 16, 1961		9	8	6	10	10	7	9	11	9
Dec. 24, 1960		11	8	8	14	10	9	9	11	10

^{1/} Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Dec. 23, 1961	\$18.74	\$17.68	\$1.06
Dec. 16, 1961	18.71	17.18	1.53
Dec. 24, 1960	20.02	18.44	1.58

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 23, 1961	17.31	109.1	15.9
Dec. 16, 1961	16.90	109.1	15.5
Dec. 24, 1960	17.63	103.6	17.0

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Dec. 23, 1961	17.20	16.35	16.68	--	17.15	16.75	15.62
	Dec. 24, 1960	17.45	--	16.70	--	--	18.00	--
Choice	Dec. 23, 1961	16.45	15.85	16.08	15.75	16.41	16.12	15.50
	Dec. 24, 1960	17.02	17.05	16.18	16.38	17.20	16.75	17.38
Good	Dec. 23, 1961	15.00	14.72	15.18	14.75	15.40	15.12	14.50
	Dec. 24, 1960	15.52	15.72	15.42	15.88	16.20	15.75	16.50
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good &	Dec. 23, 1961	5.25	5.20	4.42	7.10	6.42*	5.75	4.50
Choice	Dec. 24, 1960	5.75	6.12	4.75	--	6.50*	4.50	4.88
Cull &	Dec. 23, 1961	5.00	5.45	4.12	5.50*	5.00*	4.75	4.00
Utility	Dec. 24, 1960	5.50	5.25	3.88	6.80*	5.39*	3.75	3.62
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good &	Dec. 23, 1961	--	13.60	--	11.88	15.62	13.75	13.50
Choice	Dec. 24, 1960	--	15.60	--	13.90	16.62	15.50	15.00

*Shorn basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
November 1961 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
N. Atlantic States	132	122	131	119	551	504	186	188
S. Atlantic States	54	47	39	35	322	307	1/	1/
N. C. States - Eastern	258	266	141	176	1,261	1,244	65	100
N. C. States - N. Western ..	566	511	67	72	2,706	2,395	434	415
N. C. States - S. Western ..	156	157	11	14	622	522	85	70
S. Central States	182	188	56	62	538	458	137	105
Mountain States	129	128	2	2	102	93	155	164
Pacific States	207	205	22	22	225	183	150	148
Total	1,683	1,625	469	502	6,327	5,707	1,213	1,192

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): November 1961, horses 7,531; goats 9,380; November 1960, horses 5,542; goats 6,772.

1/ Data not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer carcass prices were steady to 50¢ lower, the downturns recorded on most sales at New York and Philadelphia; cow beef steady to \$1.00 up. Veal prices were uneven as upturns of \$2.00-4.00 were made at New York, \$1.00 at Washington and at Philadelphia prices weak to \$2.00 lower, Baltimore steady. Lamb ranged from steady to \$4.00 lower, major portion \$1.00 off. Pork loins were steady to \$1.00 lower, except at Philadelphia where the trend was \$1.00-2.00 higher. Boston butts sold \$3.00-7.00 higher; fresh skinned hams steady to \$2.00 up; spareribs steady to \$1.00 higher.

Prices were steady for Choice and Prime kosher dressed steer forequarters at New York; kosher veal and calf sold \$1.00-2.00 higher; lamb weak to mostly \$1.00 lower.

During the pre-Christmas week supplies of fresh meats were below normal. However, at New York lamb supplies were normal and trading slow on all sessions. In the steer beef division demand was good with buyers particularly aggressive for loins and ribs. Outlet was poor for steer arm chucks at all points along the Eastern Seaboard. Cow beef, veal and calf cleared fairly well in an active trade. Retailer demand was fair for lamb cuts, but outlet was poor for carcasses at New York. Most pork moved readily, however, at the close loins were slow at New York and Baltimore. A small volume of steer beef went unsold in most areas and some lamb and pork loins were carried at New York.

CHICAGO - Carcass steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower, veal mostly \$1.00 higher, lamb \$1.00-1.50 lower, pork loins 8-16# \$1.50-2.00 higher, Boston butts 4-8# steady to 50¢ lower, spareribs 3# down 50¢ higher.

The beef supply was normal, with more Good grade offered than recently. Lamb, pork loins and spareribs appeared in normal volume, veal small. Small supplies of Boston butts on early sessions increased to moderate after midweek.

Wholesale carcass beef trade was slow. Demand was poor for rounds and arm and squarecut chucks for immediate use, however, moderate demand prevailed for delivery after Christmas and these sold above current prices. Ribs and loins reached highest levels in quite some time, as all segments of the trade were aggressive. Veal prices advanced on the basis of a small supply as demand was only moderate. Lamb sold lower for the third consecutive week in a slow trade. Hindsaddles, legs and loins usually enjoyed good clearance but forequarter meat was slow. Trading

was brisk for Boston butts through Wednesday but closed slow. Demand was only moderate for pork loins and spareribs.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer and heifer beef sold steady to \$1.00 higher. Cow beef was steady in California, strong to \$1.00 higher in the Pacific Northwest. Calf, veal and lamb prices held steady. Fresh pork steady in Southern California and strong to \$2.00 higher in San Francisco. Loins were firm to \$3.00 higher in Portland and Seattle, fresh skinned hams weak to \$1.00 lower and other cuts steady. Cured pork sold steady except smoked hams were strong to \$1.00 higher in Northern California.

Carcass steer and heifer beef trade was rather slow as demand narrowed during the pre-holiday trade. Supplies of cow beef accumulated and demand was poor in California but moderate in the Pacific Northwest. A moderate outlet developed for liberal offerings of lamb. Pork trading was moderately active.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Steer and heifer beef sold very slow in a sluggish pre-holiday trade. Demand was only fair all week and prices declined sharply early. Slaughterers at the major meat packing centers resisted the sharp downturn and by midweek some of the early decline was recovered.

The trend on steer beef was mostly 50¢- \$1.00 lower. Heifer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower with the most decline on Good grade. Cow beef sold in an uneven trade at mostly steady to 50¢ lower prices with the most decline on Utility grade. At Philadelphia prices were strong to 50¢ higher. Clearance was incomplete on steer and heifer beef.

Carcass lamb supplies were normal and trading was extremely slow and with demand poor, prices were \$1.00-2.00 lower, mostly \$1.00 lower. Clearance was near complete.

Pork supplies were about normal for the week and sold in a moderately active trade with pork butts finding the poorest outlet. Pork loins were unevenly steady to \$2.00 higher on 12-16# weights, while some 12# and under sold steady to 50¢ lower at Omaha. Pork butts prices dropped sharply after a rapid advance last week and closed \$3.00-4.00 lower. Fresh hams sold 50¢-\$2.00 lower at Omaha and Chicago with the most decline on 12-16# weights. Pork carcasses held steady at New York and were 75¢-\$1.50 higher at Philadelphia. Clearance was near complete.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 24
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -								
Prime 700-800#	44.50	45.25	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice 600-700	44.20	46.25	43.06	44.94	41.88	41.88	41.38	41.00
	43.55	45.25	42.62	43.50	41.00	40.75	40.25	39.50
Good 500-600	42.60	42.75	41.75	43.25	40.62	40.50	40.81	40.00
	43.10	43.50	41.75	43.25	39.88	39.50	39.75	38.50
Heifer beef -								
Choice 500-600#	--	--	41.88	43.31	40.50	40.00	41.31	41.00
	--	--	41.88	43.31	40.00	38.50	40.12	39.50
Good 500-600	--	--	40.38	41.50	38.50	--	--	39.25
Veal -								
Prime 90-120#	62.50	59.00	55.50	55.00	--	--	--	--
Choice 90-120	56.00	52.50	52.25	52.00	--	--	--	--
Good 90-120	50.00	45.00	47.75	46.50	52.50	48.75	--	--
Lamb -								
Prime 45-55#	39.45	40.00	37.00	38.50	37.50	39.50	39.00	41.00
Choice 45-55	39.35	39.50	37.00	38.50	37.50	39.50	39.00	41.00
Fresh pork -								
Loins 8-12#	45.70	49.35	42.95	46.40	48.38	49.75	45.50	45.50
Butts 4-8	41.40	38.00	37.10	36.50	41.75	39.75	36.50	41.50
Spareribs 3# down	39.00	40.80	34.38	36.00	41.00	42.75	37.00	39.50
Cured pork -								
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16#	50.00	51.00	--	53.75	52.25	54.50	51.00	52.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)	51.00	47.50	49.25	53.00	51.50	56.00	49.00	52.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8#	32.00	33.00	34.00	32.75	33.75	32.50	34.50	33.00
Lard, 1# carton	15.00	16.50	13.75	14.50	17.50	17.00	16.50	15.53

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 22, 1961

Classification	Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer Beef -					
Choice 600-700#	41.00-41.50	40.00	40.25-40.75	42.50-43.50	43.00-43.50
	700-800	39.50-40.00	39.75-40.25	42.50-42.75	42.50-43.00
	800-900	40.00-40.50	38.75-39.50	42.00	42.00-42.50
Good 500-600	39.00-40.00	--	--	41.00-42.00	--
	600-700	37.00-39.00	39.25-39.75	41.00-42.00	40.50-41.50
	700-800	37.00-39.00	38.00-39.00	40.00-41.00	40.50-41.00
Heifer beef -					
Choice 500-600#	40.00-40.50	38.50-41.00	39.25-39.75	--	42.50-43.00
	600-700	38.50-39.00	39.25-39.75	--	42.00-42.50
Good 500-600	37.50-38.50	--	37.25-37.75	--	--
	600-700	--	37.25-37.75	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -					
Utility	28.50-29.50	30.00	28.50-28.75	--	29.50-31.00
Canner and Cutter	29.50	--	28.75	--	29.50-30.00
Lamb -					
Prime 35-45#	33.00-34.00	--	--	35.00-36.00	35.50-36.00
	45-55	--	--	35.00-36.00	35.00-35.50
	55-65	--	--	34.00-35.00	34.00-34.50
Choice 35-45	33.00-34.00	31.75-33.50	32.25	35.00-36.00	35.50-36.00
	45-55	31.75-33.50	32.25	35.00-36.00	35.00-35.50
	55-65	--	--	34.00-35.00	34.00-34.50
Fresh pork -					
Loins 8-12#	40.50-41.50	--	40.50-41.50	--	43.50-44.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Supplies of greasy domestic worsted wools were small in the Boston market. A couple cars of medium grade fleece wools were sold at firm prices.

Trade in woolen wools and noils was slow at about steady rates. A substantial weight of greasy domestic pulled wools sold this week for combing use.

At a sealed bid sale in Wyoming, approximately 200,000 pounds of original bag territory wools sold while small odd lots of fall wools were moved in Texas. Trade was very limited in the fleece wool States. Offerings were small in all the primary areas.

According to midweek cables all foreign wool markets were closed for the year-end holidays. Australia closed weak with the demand furnished by the Continent, Japan, Poland and the United States. General competition prevailed at the close in New Zealand. In South Africa short wools closed very strong as offerings were scarce, while combing wools were plentiful and quotations about steady with United States, France and Italy dominating in the trade. In South America, the Argentine market was very slow with occasional sales out of Montevideo at steady rates.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s good French combing and staple fleece wool brought around \$1.07 while graded 50/54s staple and good French moved at \$1.05 clean basis.

Territory Wools - Original bag bulk fine, good French combing and staple territory wool sold at sealed bid sale in Casper, Wyoming at an estimated clean price of \$1.20-1.25 delivered East.

Texas Wools - Fall wool sold in Texas at an estimated scoured price around .98-\$1.02, delivered East.

Mohair - A car or two of adult mohair sold in Texas in a range of 78-80¢ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Spot foreign wools were slow to move. A fair volume of greasy Cape type 47, a good topmaking 12 months 64/70s sold for shipment around \$1.27 clean basis, duty paid while super skirted Montevideo 60s brought around \$1.18, 60/58s at \$1.16 and 58/56s about \$1.13 clean basis, duty paid for shipment. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.04	27 - \$.96
8 - 1.03	28 - .95
47 - 1.03	32 - .94
48 - 1.01	33 - .92
52 - 1.00	38 - .91
53 - .99	

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
72A - \$1.04	422 - \$.99	93 - \$1.03	
73 - 1.01	423 - .95	834 - 1.01	
74 - .99	424 - .89	100 - .97	

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 60/64s - 96¢, 60s - 93¢, 60/58s - 91¢, 58/56s - 88¢, 56/50s - 87¢.

Carpet Wools - Sales of spot carpet wools continued to lag. Most all foreign carpet quotations showed a weaker price trend. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clips were priced around 74¢, March wools 69¢ and fleeces around 75½¢. Greasy New Zealand fleeces at 74-75¢ and early shorn at 73¢, all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

60/62s 1½-2½" ch. wh.	\$1.15
60s lambs 2-2½" ch. wh.	1.05-1.06
56/58s lambs 1½-2½" ch. wh.	1.02-1.04
50/56s lambs 2-3" ch. wh.	.98

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

60s 2-3" choice	\$1.12
56/58s 2-3" ch.	1.06-1.08

Scoured Shorn Domestic

Terr. fine sorts good color \$.80

Scoured Pulled Foreign

Spot N. Z. 56/58s 2-3" ch. wh. \$1.12-1.15

N. Z. 56/58s 2-3" ch. wh. \$1.10
Apr.-May delivery

Greasy Pulled Foreign (Clean basis-duty paid)

Spot N. Z. 56/58s 2-3" ch. \$1.08
N. Z. 56/58s 2-3" choice \$1.05-1.06

Noils

Def. dom. 80s French	\$.48
Gd. dom. 70s French	.48
Super Cape 64/70s Schlums.	.69
Clear B. A. 64s Schlums.	.54½
Clear B. A. 60/62s Schlums.	.53½
Clear N. Z. 50s X-bred nobles	.72½

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Dec. 21, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops - \$1.575 (Bid)	
May wool tops - 1.560 (Bid)	
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
March wool - \$1.176 (Traded)	
May wool - 1.161 (Bid)	
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended -				
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Dec.
	4	11	18	25	2
	1961	1961	1961	1961	1961
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -					
Beef 1/	3,261	3,279	3,223	3,320	3,597
Pork 1/	68,989	65,441	67,114	56,839	72,034
Other 1/	211	7	224	6	19
Smoked and / or dried -					
Beef 1/	918	1,018	884	741	1,093
Pork 1/	52,116	52,108	50,262	41,801	49,873
Cooked meat -					
Beef.	1,212	1,236	1,107	1,102	1,421
Pork.	4,085	4,148	3,767	3,470	5,226
Other	104	94	128	77	126
Sausage -					
Fresh finished.	5,412	6,305	6,287	4,868	5,395
To be dried or semi-dried	2,649	2,361	2,627	2,293	2,654
Franks, wieners	12,156	12,200	11,969	9,768	12,243
Other, smoked or cooked .	13,223	13,404	13,633	10,769	13,636
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	4,163	4,275	4,040	3,262	4,238
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	13,432	13,236	13,213	11,747	14,151
Meat extract.	8	227	347	10	14
Sliced bacon 1/	20,320	19,989	20,231	17,816	20,448
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	6,574	6,363	6,629	5,440	6,211
Hamburger	6,933	6,621	7,028	6,636	7,200
Miscellaneous meat product.	6,670	6,579	6,284	4,589	7,028
Lard, rendered	44,175	42,850	43,310	38,929	48,503
Lard, refined	31,899	32,560	35,754	29,118	33,099
Oleo stock	1,560	1,431	1,472	1,178	1,350
Edible tallow	8,970	8,492	7,986	7,287	8,664
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered	1,752	1,870	1,973	1,675	2,274
Refined	816	1,069	820	765	779
Compound contain'g animal fat	18,724	19,835	17,414	15,932	19,896
Oleomargarine " " "	4,301	4,001	4,411	3,621	3,335
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	60,375	60,059	62,240	43,196	61,343
Total 1/	395,009	391,060	394,377	326,256	405,851

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Nov. 4				Nov. 11				Nov. 18				Nov. 25				Dec. 2			
	3 lb. : Under : 3 lb. : Over : 3 lb. : Over : 3 lb. : Under : 3 lb																			

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 983.

PIG CROP REPORT - DECEMBER 1961

The 1961 pig crop totaled 93.2 million head, an increase of 5 percent from last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The spring pig crop of 50.5 million head was 7 percent larger than the 1960 spring crop of 47.3 million head. The fall pig crop of 42.7 million head was 4 percent larger than the 1960 crop of 41.1 million head. The increased number of spring pigs resulted from a 4 percent increase in the number of sows farrowing combined with a 3 percent increase in pigs saved per litter. The average of 7.18 pigs per litter was the highest of record. The increased number of fall pigs saved resulted from 2 percent more sows farrowing and 2 percent larger litters.

For the spring of 1962, reports based on farmers' intentions indicate 7.3 million sows to farrow, or 3 percent more than the 7.0 million sows farrowed in the spring of 1961. If these intentions materialize, and the number of pigs per litter equals the 10-year average plus an allowance for trend, the 1962 spring pig crop would be 51.5 million head--2 percent above the 1961 crop.

This report is based on a survey of 184,000 farm and ranch operators. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through rural mail carriers.

1961 FALL PIG CROP UP 4 PERCENT: The number of pigs saved during the fall of 1961 (June through November) is estimated at 42,709,000 head. This is 4 percent more than the 1960 fall crop and 15 percent above the 1950-59 fall average. Regionally, the North Central States accounted for all of the increase from last year. The East North Central States were up 5 percent and the West North Central States were up 6 percent. Decreases from 1960 were: North Atlantic States, 6 percent; South Central States, 1 percent; Western States, 3 percent. The number of pigs saved in the South Atlantic States was unchanged from 1960.

The number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1961 is estimated at 5,968,000 head, 2 percent more than farrowed in the fall of 1960, and 10 percent above average. Fall farrowings were 1 percentage point less than indicated by farmers' intentions reported last June. Regional fall farrowings in 1961 as a percent of 1960 and intentions reported last June are as follows: North Atlantic, 93 now and 98 percent last June; East North Central, 103, and 99; West North Central, 103 and 98; South Atlantic, 98 and 105; South Central, 98 and 101; West, 96 and 97.

Pigs saved per litter averaged 7.15 in the fall of 1961, compared with 7.02 in the fall of 1960. Litter size showed an increase over the previous year in all regions.

Compared with a year earlier, farrowings during August and September declined slightly while June, July, October and November showed small increases. Percentages of sows farrowing by months during the fall of 1961, compared with 1960 are as follows: June, 15.9 and 15.0; July, 15.1 and 14.9; August, 21.1 and 22.0; September, 24.9 and 25.7; October, 15.2 and 14.8; and November, 7.8 and 7.6.

1961 SPRING PIG CROP--UP 7 PERCENT: The 1961 spring pig crop is estimated at 50,464,000 pigs, 7 percent above 1960. A total of 7,032,000 sows farrowed in the spring of 1961, compared with 6,790,000 during the same period a year earlier. This was an increase of 4 percent. Pigs saved per litter averaged 7.18, compared with 6.96 in the spring of 1960.

ANNUAL PIG CROP UP 5 PERCENT: The 1961 spring and fall pig crops combined totaled 93,173,000 head, 5 percent more than the 88,387,000 head in 1960. For the ten-year period (1950-1959) the average pig crop totaled 91,698,000 head.

1962 SPRING INTENTIONS UP 3 PERCENT: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions for the spring of 1962 indicate 7,268,000 sows to farrow (December 1961 through May 1962). This would be 3 percent more than a year earlier and 7 percent above farrowings of the spring of 1960. The North Central and South Atlantic States indicate increases, while the North Atlantic, South Central and Western regions plan decreases in spring farrowings. By regions, changes from 1961 are as follows: increases are West North Central, 5 percent; South Atlantic, 4 percent; and the East North Central, 2 percent. Decreases are South Central, 2 percent; West, 5 percent; and the North Atlantic, 6 percent.

If intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the average with an allowance for trend, the 1962 spring crop would be 2 percent larger than a year earlier.

SELECTED CORN BELT STATES INCREASE FARROWINGS FOR BOTH FALL AND SPRING: In 10 selected Corn Belt States, 1961 fall litters and expected 1962 spring farrowings both showed small percentage gains from a year earlier. In these States -- Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas-- the number of sows that farrowed during the June - November, 1961 period totaled 4,474,000, an increase of 3 percent over 1960. Farmers' intentions point to 5,667,000 spring litters during the December 1961 - May 1962 period, a gain of 4 percent over 1961. The gains in farrowings were well distributed among the several Corn Belt States, with fall farrowings increased in 8 of the 10 States, and spring farrowings expected

to be up in 9 States.

Quarterly farrowing data for the Corn Belt States indicate that the percentage increases in sow farrowings from a year earlier were rather uniform throughout the year. The 2,308,000 farrowings during the June-August period were up 3 percent from a year earlier, and the 2,166,000 farrowings during the September-November quarter were up 4 percent. Expected farrowings for the December-February period at 1,878,000 are up 6 percent, and the 3,789,000 forecast for the March-May quarter is up 3 percent.

HOGS ON FARMS IN 10 STATES UP 5 PERCENT: The number of all hogs and pigs on farms in the 10 selected Corn Belt States on December 1, 1961 totaled 47,630,000, up 5 percent from a year earlier but 2 percent less than 2 years ago. For individual States, gains from a year earlier ranged from as little as 2 percent in Minnesota and Missouri to as much as 13 percent in Kansas.

Age classification of hogs on hand showed 15,448,000 pigs under 3 months, 15,407,000 hogs and pigs 3 to 6 months of age, and 16,775,000 hogs over 6 months. Increases in numbers from a year earlier were 4 percent for pigs under 3 months, 5 percent for those 3 to 6 months, and 7 percent for hogs 6 months old and over.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved, spring and fall, 1/ 1957-62							
Year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pigs saved		Year
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	
	1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	Number	Number	head	head	head
UNITED STATES							
1957	7,194	5,112	7.12	7.06	51,263	36,099	87,362
1958	7,281	5,887	7.05	7.17	51,354	42,179	93,533
1959	7,996	6,128	7.08	6.98	56,620	42,775	99,395
1960	6,790	5,855	6.96	7.02	47,282	41,105	88,387
1961	7,032	5,968	7.18	7.15	50,464	42,709	93,173
1962	2/7,268	---	3/7.10	---	3/51,500	---	---
CORN BELT							
(North Central):							
1957	5,578	3,766	7.21	7.17	40,230	26,994	67,224
1958	5,717	4,450	7.14	7.23	40,807	32,177	72,984
1959	6,216	4,581	7.14	7.02	44,352	32,151	76,503
1960	5,269	4,444	7.03	7.05	37,041	31,336	68,377
1961	5,576	4,594	7.24	7.19	40,348	33,051	73,399
1962	2/5,815	---	3/7.15	---	3/41,500	---	---
1/ Spring, December through May; fall, June through November.							
2/ Spring farrowing indicated from breeding intentions reports.							
3/ Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.							

Percentage distribution of fall farrowings, by months, United States							
	June	July	August	September	October	November	Total
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1950-59 av.	14.1	13.6	23.7	27.6	14.4	6.6	100.0
1959	15.5	16.0	23.1	25.4	13.2	6.8	100.0
1960	15.0	14.9	22.0	25.7	14.8	7.6	100.0
1961	15.9	15.1	21.1	24.9	15.2	7.8	100.0

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Pigs saved

State and division	Spring (Dec. through May)				Fall (June through Nov.)				Year			
	Average:	1960	1961	1961	Average:	1960	1961	1961	Average:	1960	1961	1961
	1950-59:			as% of:	1950-59:			as% of:	1950-59:			as% of:
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-
	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent
Maine	22	18	17	94	17	14	14	100	40	32	31	97
N.H.	10	9	9	100	9	9	8	89	18	18	17	94
Vt.	11	9	9	100	9	7	7	100	20	16	16	100
Mass.	79	76	66	87	69	65	62	95	148	141	128	91
R.I.	5	6	6	100	5	6	6	100	11	12	12	100
Conn.	16	13	11	85	17	12	11	92	33	25	22	88
N.Y.	147	122	96	79	117	84	76	90	264	206	172	83
N.J.	106	71	66	93	82	62	67	108	188	133	133	100
Pa.	508	433	418	97	440	389	355	91	947	822	773	94
N.Atl.	905	757	698	92	765	648	606	94	1,670	1,405	1,304	93
Ohio	2,572	2,221	2,261	102	2,304	2,232	2,269	102	4,876	4,453	4,530	102
Ind.	4,032	3,830	3,918	102	3,705	3,840	3,946	103	7,737	7,670	7,864	103
Ill.	6,327	5,965	6,608	111	4,584	5,457	5,904	108	10,910	11,422	12,512	110
Mich.	744	606	609	100	627	649	670	103	1,371	1,255	1,279	102
Wis.	2,246	2,018	2,076	103	1,382	1,676	1,787	107	3,627	3,694	3,863	105
E.N.Cent.	15,920	14,640	15,472	106	12,601	13,854	14,576	105	28,521	28,494	30,048	105
Minn.	4,243	3,490	3,744	107	2,155	2,721	2,724	100	6,398	6,211	6,468	104
Iowa	12,930	10,691	11,623	109	7,009	8,023	8,582	107	19,939	18,714	20,205	108
Mo.	3,415	3,045	3,367	111	2,934	3,196	3,278	103	6,349	6,241	6,645	106
N.Dak.	595	407	460	113	121	174	207	119	716	581	667	115
S.Dak.	2,063	1,588	1,909	120	525	806	874	108	2,588	2,394	2,783	116
Nebr.	2,871	2,261	2,632	116	1,266	1,711	1,848	108	4,138	3,972	4,480	113
Kans.	983	919	1,141	124	712	851	962	113	1,695	1,770	2,103	119
W.N.Cent.	27,100	22,401	24,876	111	14,724	17,482	18,475	106	41,823	39,883	43,351	109
N.Cent.	43,020	37,041	40,348	109	27,324	31,336	33,061	106	70,344	68,377	73,399	107
Del.	31	25	28	112	27	28	31	111	58	53	59	111
Md.	188	132	109	83	160	143	156	109	348	275	265	96
Va.	554	496	483	97	499	497	483	97	1,054	993	966	97
W.Va.	114	70	61	87	104	71	64	90	218	141	125	89
N.C.	1,083	1,106	1,094	99	829	880	922	105	1,913	1,986	2,016	102
S.C.	419	378	363	96	387	312	290	93	806	690	653	95
Ga.	1,335	1,270	1,197	94	1,117	1,083	1,064	98	2,452	2,353	2,261	96
Fla.	386	265	235	89	287	272	280	103	674	537	515	96
S.Atl.	4,110	3,742	3,570	95	3,412	3,286	3,290	100	7,522	7,028	6,860	98
Ky.	1,016	1,085	1,164	107	896	1,159	1,159	100	1,912	2,244	2,323	104
Tenn.	980	1,008	1,014	101	863	1,050	1,044	99	1,843	2,058	2,058	100
Ala.	820	796	794	100	768	669	689	103	1,587	1,465	1,483	101
Miss.	448	360	352	98	416	410	358	87	864	770	710	92
Ark.	409	328	301	92	350	317	308	97	759	645	609	94
La.	330	171	147	86	270	164	140	85	600	335	287	86
Okla.	465	308	343	111	394	331	350	106	858	639	693	108
Texas	856	731	714	98	804	757	770	102	1,660	1,488	1,484	100
S.Cent.	5,323	4,787	4,829	101	4,759	4,857	4,818	99	10,082	9,644	9,647	100
Mont.	138	99	144	145	90	122	115	94	228	221	259	117
Idaho	121	101	106	105	94	111	106	95	216	212	212	100
Wyo.	39	22	22	100	29	19	23	121	67	41	45	110
Colo.	171	145	135	93	134	147	137	93	306	292	272	93
N.Mex.	42	36	34	94	34	40	39	98	76	76	73	96
Ariz.	17	18	19	106	16	18	17	94	33	36	36	100
Utah	53	43	44	102	44	51	48	94	97	94	92	98
Nev.	12	8	10	125	9	7	7	100	22	15	17	113
Wash.	106	99	108	109	98	122	120	98	204	221	228	103
Oreg.	130	122	131	107	113	146	140	96	244	268	271	101
Calif.	326	262	266	102	262	195	192	98	588	457	458	100
West	1,157	955	1,019	107	924	978	944	97	2,081	1,933	1,963	102
U.S.	54,515	47,282	50,464	107	37,183	41,105	42,709	104	91,698	88,387	93,173	105

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Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in North Central States
November 1960 and 1961 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	Public stock yards	Direct	Total
	November 1960 : 1961	November 1960 : 1961	November 1960 : 1961 : July - November 1960 : 1961
Ohio	7,305	8,448	9,885"
Indiana	14,479	10,650	32,238
Illinois	44,283	54,546	149,462
Michigan	6,251	5,656	14,083
Minnesota ...	25,990	34,188	69,892
Iowa	136,460	165,007	215,928
South Dakota:	12,393	20,292	12,078
Nebraska	50,366	53,976	82,882
Total	297,527	586,448	883,975
8 States	352,763	630,412	983,175

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio	3,769	3,350	3,225	5,091	6,994	8,441	57,702	77,382
Indiana	2,728	1,508	2,106	1,165	4,834	2,673	58,132	53,749
Illinois	5,195	3,514	2,321	4,706	7,516	8,220	206,742	256,128
Michigan	2,123	2,012	889	1,592	3,012	3,604	20,525	22,633
Minnesota ...	28,342	28,706	16,955	20,973	45,297	49,679	284,195	289,875
Iowa	17,656	29,422	71,339	63,516	88,995	92,938	872,270	766,197
South Dakota:	5,611	11,738	9,665	3,367	15,276	15,105	123,329	114,158
Nebraska	15,723	16,029	27,179	27,772	42,902	43,801	593,677	390,579
Total	81,147	133,679	214,826	2,216,572				
8 States	96,279	128,182	224,461	1,970,701				

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

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